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is a packet of information on LB 652 and the amendment is right behind the yellow page. First of all, it restores language that makes transportation costs the responsibility of the county. This was originally in an earlier version of the bill that was amended into LB 652...or that was LB 652 that was amended from another bill. The administration feels, and I agree with them, that it's more efficient to have the counties do that than to have the state assume that responsibility. That's been agreed to and that should be stricken if the body approves of that, and that would just keep things the way they current...the way it currently is, that when a youth is transferred to a state facility that that's the responsibility of the county. second part of the amendment; has come from negotiations and discussions with the administration and the Governor's Office, and the request has been made to move the date back six months for transferring the facility from the juveniles...to juvenile system from the adult system. This would allow the Tecumseh facility to have come on line and allow the Department of Corrections a little more flexibility in being able to administer the 18-year-olds that would be returning to the adult facilities or to be put in a different situation depending upon their administration of that population. So I agreed with the administration and then it's my understanding that the Governor does support the transfer with this amendment. So that's essentially what the amendment does. First, it transfers the transportation costs back to the counties where they currently are and, second, it changes the transfer date from the facility being moved from the juvenile...to the juvenile justice system. It backs it up six months to allow the Department of Corrections time to manage for it because the Tecumseh prison will be on-line by that time. Thank you.

## SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. We are discussing the Thompson amendment, AM2526, to LB 652. We're open for discussion. Seeing no lights on...excuse me. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam (sic) Speaker, Madam (sic) President, members of the body, was caught a little off guard. One of the thing about the transfer of the Omaha Correctional Facility, I